

The Board of Mifflin County Commissioners met for their Regular Meeting on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. In attendance were Commissioners Lisa Nancollas, Stephen Dunkle and Kevin P. Kodish; Chief Clerk Cathy Romig; Solicitor Steve Snook and Confidential Clerk George Welsh.

Joe Cannon of The Sentinel/County Observer was the only representative present from the news media.

Guests present were Treasurer Debra Civitts; Public Safety Director Phil Lucas; GIS Department Director Laura Simonetti; Deputy Prison Warden Michelle Weaver; Auditor Helen Kirk; Dana Aurand, Children and Youth Director; Human Services Department Head Allison Fisher; Mary Shingler; JoAnne Tate; Mary Ann Demi; Deborah Mohr; Linda Himes; John Kauffman and Ben Faulkner and Makayla Erb from MCTV.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chairman Nancollas.

I. Invocation: The Invocation was given by Commissioner Dunkle.

II. Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present.

III. Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 6, 2017. Commissioner Dunkle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Bills:

1. General Fund, Accounts Payable:

Cks. #113833 to 114000 and EFTs #22804 to 22876 in the amount of \$1,331,748.63

2. Payroll Account:

Cks. #77614 to 77634 and Direct Deposit Advices #12609 to 12845 in the amount of \$331,246.20

3. 911 Account:

Cks. # 51330 to 51338 and EFT # 20336 in the amount of \$29,075.67

4. LEPC Account:

Cks. #1370 to 1373 in the amount of \$1,180.36

5. Liquid Fuels Account:

Ck. #1636 in the amount of \$1,600.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to approve payment of bills as listed above. Commissioner Dunkle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

V. Treasurer's Report: 04/05/2017 to 04/18/2017

General Account Starting Balance	\$ 5,944,118.94
Deposits – Receipts #85779-86102	1,199,605.77
Interest	123.72
Total Debits	\$ 1,199,729.49

Bills Paid – Cks. #113833-114000

	<i>EFTs #22804-22876</i>	\$ 1,331,748.63
	<i>Transfer to Payroll – Cks. #77614-77634</i>	
	<i>DD #12609-12845</i>	331,246.20
	<i>NSF CKS</i>	581.08
	<i>Adjustment</i>	123.72
	<i>Total Credits</i>	\$ 1,663,699.63
<i>Ending Balance –</i>	<i>Interest @ 0.800%</i>	\$ 5,480,148.80
<i>Liquid Fuels</i>	<i>0.800% @ JVB</i>	444,914.13
<i>Liquid Fuels – Act 89</i>	<i>0.800% @ JVB</i>	227,492.28
<i>LEPC</i>	<i>0.800% @ JVB</i>	24,988.18
<i>911 Telephone Account</i>	<i>0.800% @ JVB</i>	1,905,366.34
<i>Capital Reserve Account</i>	<i>0.800% @ JVB</i>	
	<i>General Account Funds</i>	
	<i>Total Capital Reserve</i>	\$ 2,239,543.51

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunkle to accept the Treasurer’s Report as received, subject to audit. Commissioner Kodish seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

VI. Meetings and Events:

Commissioner Nancollas:

Passes

Commissioner Dunkle:

*Salary Board Meeting
Department Head Meeting
Airport Authority Meeting
Operation Fairness
Geisinger Briefing
Updating of Website
Conservation Meeting*

Commissioner Kodish:

*Salary Board
Department Head Meeting
Pedro Cortes Visit
Operation Fairness Meeting
Geisinger Briefing
Regional Services Board
Regional Services Property Committee
Library Board
Juniata Valley Visitors Bureau Board
Downtown Lewistown Board*

VII. Public Comment:

Ms. Kirk: Sunshine Connection is in need of volunteers.

Ms. Kirk: Many people are complaining about the dedication date for the Juniata River Boat Launch. Instead of the middle of the day, could he please change the date to the weekend so people who work can attend.

VIII. New Business:

A. *Announcement – Economic Development Meeting*

Commissioner Dunkle: We are going to want our Mifflin County Economic Development meeting this afternoon will begin at 12:00 p.m. in the Annex so we can ultimately develop a long range plan for Mifflin County. Currently we have no such plan. I think it inconceivable that in today's age, in the 21st century, this County does not have a plan on where we want go in the next five, ten, fifteen years. The whole objective of what we are doing is to set some short and long term goals and ultimately prepare this plan for Mifflin County.

B. *Older Americans Month Proclamation*

**PROCLAMATION
OLDER AMERICANS MONTH 2017**

Whereas, Mifflin County includes older Americans who richly contribute to our community;

Whereas, we acknowledge that what it means “to age” has changed – for the better;

Whereas, Regional Services Corporation and its affiliates Mifflin-Juniata Area Agency on Aging, Mifflin-Juniata Food Service, and Call-A-Ride Services is committed to supporting older adults as they take charge of their health, explore new opportunities and activities, and focus on independence;

Whereas, Regional Services Corporation can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of *all* ages by:

- Involving older adults in the redefinition of aging in our community;
- Promoting home- and community-based services that promote independent living;
- Encouraging older adults to speak up for themselves and others; and
- Providing opportunities for older adults to share their experiences.

Now therefore, the County Commissioners of Mifflin County do hereby proclaim May 2017 to be Older Americans Month. We urge every resident to take time during this month to acknowledge older adults and the people who service them as influential and vital parts of our community.

Proclaimed this 20th day of April 2017

Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to approve the Proclamation Older Americans Month. Seconded by Commissioner Dunkle. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Demi: Thank you Commissioners for making this proclamation. It is an important month of the year for us since we provide so many services within the community. Thank you Senior citizens for being here today. I don't know if anyone is representing Senior citizens on the Economic Development Committee.

Commissioner Dunkle: I don't know, but we would be glad to have someone to represent Senior citizens.

Ms. Demi: Senior citizens vote and have many insights on what should be done.

C. *Agreement with Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting by and through the Pennsylvania State Police, to permit Mifflin County to have access to an existing State Radio Network Division tower site in Huntingdon County and to support the development of a Mifflin County 911 Tower Site on Pennsylvania Department of Conversation and Natural Resources*

Mr. Lucas: This agreement allows Mifflin County to provide coverage to the Newton Hamilton area and build a tower in New Lancaster Valley area to provide coverage to the Armagh Township area.

Commissioner Dunkle made a motion to approve the Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Seconded by Commissioner Kodish. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant for the Federal Fiscal Year 2016-2017 in the amount of \$56,750.00

Mr. Lucas: This grant allows Mifflin County LEPC, your local emergency management to provide funding for First Responders. LEPC will fund the 20% local match.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunkle to approve the Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant. Seconded by Commissioner Kodish. The motion was unanimously approved.

E. Agreement with Language Line Solutions to provide audio interpretations via telephone for the Mifflin County Correctional Facility

Ms. Weaver: This will provide interpretations in 147 different languages for our inmates to make us PREA complaint.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to approve the Agreement with Language Lines Solutions. Seconded by Commissioner Dunkle. The motion was unanimously approved.

F. Purchase of Service Agreement for use, if needed, with Millie Sunderland for payroll consulting for the period April 17, 2017 through January 31, 2018 at an hourly rate of \$24.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunkle to approve the Purchase of Service Agreement with Millie Sunderland. Seconded by Commissioner Kodish. The motion was unanimously approved.

G. Mifflin County JAG/JIS Grant agency subcontracts:

Mifflin Juniata Human Services	Grant Administration	\$ 7,120.00
Mifflin Juniata Human Services	Housing Coordinator	\$ 6,223.00
JV Behavioral Development Services	Psychiatric Evaluation	\$12,298.00
JV Behavioral Development Services	Medical Checks	\$ 4,680.00
Sam, Inc.	CTI CM	\$15,000.00
Clear Concepts Counseling	Inmate Re-Entry Group	\$10,800.00
Clear Concepts Counseling	Inmate Re-Entry Individual	\$ 7,020.00
Clear Concepts Counseling	Reentry Intensive Outpatient	\$ 1,500.00
Tri-County Drug and Alcohol	Criminal Justice Case Manager	\$18,000.00
JV Behavioral Development Services	Tenancy Unit	\$32,400.00
JV Behavioral Development Services	Utilities	<u>\$ 7,200.00</u>
		\$122,241.00

Ms. Fisher: Described grants.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to accept the Mifflin County JAG/JIS Grant agency subcontracts. Seconded by Commissioner Dunkle. The motion was unanimously approved.

H. Contract Addendums extending the HUD Permanent Supportive Housing Program six months until September 30, 2017:

- Clear Concepts Counseling
- Shelter Services, Inc.

Ms. Fisher: Described Programs.

*Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to approve the Contract Addendums.
Seconded by Commissioner Dunkle. The motion was unanimously approved.*

- I. *Agreement with J-Way Architectural to develop an architectural floor plan for the Mifflin County Annex Building Conversion to Female Correctional Facility at a cost of \$7,500.00.*

Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to approve the Agreement with J-Way Architectural. Seconded by Commissioner Dunkle. The motion was unanimously approved.

- J. *Purchase of Service Agreements for use, if needed, by Children and Youth:*

- *Children's Resource Center, Harrisburg, PA*
- *Clear Vision Residential Treatment Services, Inc., Montgomery, PA*

Ms. Aurand: Described the Service Agreements.

Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to approve the Purchase of Service Agreements. Seconded by Commissioner Dunkle. The motion was unanimously approved.

- K. *Agreement with Evangelical Medical Services Organization to provide physician services to the Mifflin County Correctional Facility for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$1,275.00 per week.*

Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to approve the Agreement with Evangelical Medical Services. Seconded by Commissioner Dunkle. The motion was unanimously approved.

- L. *Appointment of Haley Knepp as an intern in the Crime Victim Office effective May 1, 2017*

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunkle to approve the Appointment of Haley Knepp. Seconded by Commissioner Kodish. The motion was unanimously approved

- M. *Resignation of Stephen Stepanski from RN/Health Services Manager at the Mifflin County Correctional Facility effective April 17, 2017*

Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to accept the Resignation of Stephen Stepanski. Seconded by Commissioner Dunkle. The motion was unanimously approved.

- N. *Hiring of Marilyn Moser for RN/Health Services Manager at the Mifflin County Correctional; Facility effective April 18, 2017.*

Motion was made by Commissioner Kodish to approve the Hiring of Marilyn Moser.. Seconded by Commissioner Dunkle. The motion was unanimously approved.

- O. *Transfer of Andrew Mitchell, Victoria Miller and Cindy McClellan from part-time to full-time Corrections Officers effective April 16, 2017*

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunkle to approve the transfer of Andrew Mitchell, Victoria Miller and Cindy McClellan.. Seconded by Commissioner Kodish. The motion was unanimously approved.

- P. *Board Reorganization*

Commissioner Dunkle: On occasions when Commissioner Nancollas was not present for our Commissioner's Meeting, as Vice Chair of the Board I yielded my chairmanship to Kevin Kodish, the minority member. I did so in an effort to prove that our County government is not caught in the quagmire of partisanship that is currently paralyzing our nation in Congress and our State in the General Assembly. In the fifteen months that the three of us have served here, we have intentionally avoided this divisive and ugly politics.

Our records through the votes we cast in these meetings provide all the evidence one needs to verify this. Partisanship has reached an all-time high in today's political environment. Certainly there is nothing wrong with one having loyalty to one party or the other, but when that loyalty supersedes the best interests of our nation and state, we as elected officials fail in our mission. Mifflin County is small in size and population but Mifflin County is enormously big in spirit, fairness and recognition that we will not be led by partisanship. It is in that vein that I nominate Kevin Kodish as Chairperson for this Board, myself as Vice Chairperson and Lisa Nancollas as Secretary for the remainder of 2017. It is my hope that small as we are, that our action today will send a message to those in Washington and Harrisburg that partisan politics, conducted with venom used to circumvent established rules, procedures, votes the best interest in our nation, state and the people we serve will perhaps draw attention to this destructive behavior and let them hear the words and intent of our founding fathers so that fair play, honest debate and compromise replace politicization, polarization and powerization.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dunkle to accept the board reorganization. Seconded by Commissioner Kodish. The motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Nancollas: I have one thing I want to say, maybe a few things. I am not sure if that was about me or if it was about what is going on outside, but, never-the-less, I want to tell you this is the best day of my life. I am sorry Mifflin County. I love you, but I resign. I am so sorry, this is the best day of my life. If I had my way, I would say, please nominate Mark Sunderland to take my place. I think that was the third person that should have won. So it's up to you two who you nominate but Mark Sunderland is the third person. But, anyways, thank you Mifflin County, I am sorry. I want to go back to my dogs, my cats, my mother and my husband. I really appreciate it. That's all I have to say, I'm through.

Commissioner Dunkle: A point of clarification: It is my understanding that the two of us do not appoint someone, that goes to Court.

XI. Adjournment

With no other business on the agenda, Chairman Nancollas adjourned the meeting at 10:17a.m.

Secretary

ATTEST:

Chief Clerk